GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
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FOREIGN TOURISTS VISITING WORLD HERITAGE CENTRES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of foreign tourists visiting the World Heritage Centres in the country is decreasing drastically;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the efforts being made to attract tourists again to the said places?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): As per the tickets sold at the centrally protected World Heritage monuments under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India, the number of foreign visitors to these monuments in 2007 was 2.09 million as compared to 1.73 million in 2006.

(b) and (c): Do not arise.